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PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Patrick MIDOUX

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GROUP 1635

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NEW OLIGOMERIC CONJUGATES  
LIABLE TO TRANSFER BIOLOGICAL  
MOLECULES INTO CELLS

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

*Sub*  
*OC1*  
*B*  
- 1. (amended) Oligomeric conjugate positively charged, containing an oligomer with a polymerization degree (PD) from 5 to 30, formed from monomeric components having free  $\text{NH}_3^+$  in a number equal to or higher than 50 % of the polymerization degree,

said oligomer being as follows:

- the free  $\text{NH}_3^+$  of the above-mentioned components are substituted in a ratio of at least 50 %, advantageously from 60 % to 95 %, particularly 80 to 90 % (this ratio being determined by nuclear magnetic resonance), by protonable residues in a weak